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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Applicants respond to the Office Action mailed August 4, 2004 with the following amendment and remarks. Accompanying this response is a Petition to extend the period of response two months to January 4, 2005, and authorization to charge the required 02/28/2005 NHALL1 00000010 060916 09653517 extension fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims on page 2 in this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.